



Simple Past Passive

Forming Simple Past Passive

Something was done by someone at
sometime in the past.

Affirmative Form	Object + was / were + verb3 (past participle)
Question Form	Was / Were + Object + verb3 (past participle) ?

We use Past Simple Passive with the same meaning as **Past Simple** in the active voice except for the fact that Past Simple Passive makes focus on the effect (or the object) rather than the doer (the subject) of an action.



Uses and examples

- for actions or events that happened **in the past** (yesterday, last week (month, year), in 2010)
 - there's no specific point in the past
 - focus attention on the person or thing **affected by the action**, when the subject is unknown, unclear or irrelevant
- uses **prepositional phrases** such as by.





Examples

Active : The teacher corrected the mistakes.

Passive: The mistakes were corrected by the teacher.

Active : Did the little boy sell all the candy bars?

Passive: Were all the candy bars sold by the little boy?

Active : Lauren didn't eat any apples.

Passive: No apples were eaten by Laurant.

Active : He didn't give the wallet.

Passive: The wallet wasn't given by him.

Exercise



Answer the following questions below to check your understanding of active and passive:

- 1) I decorated the living room last year.
- 2) Ben wrote to the council about the noisy neighbours.
- 3) The furniture was bought at a local market.
- tt) The Internet was invented during the 1950's
- 5) The police were called just after midnight.
- 6) I took the exam last year.



Past
Continuous
Passive

Forming Simple Past Progressive Passive

Something was being done by someone
at sometime in the past for a while

Affirmative Form	Object + was / were + being + verb3 (past participle)
Question Form	Was / Were + Object + being + verb3 (past participle) ?



Past Continuous Passive

Active voice

The teacher was explaining the answers.

subject

object

Passive voice

The answers were being explained (by the teacher).

Subject

Agent (optional)

Examples

Active : The boy was throwing the stone.

Passive: The stone was being thrown by the boy.

Active : What was he writing on the desk?

Passive: What was being written by him on the desk?

Active : Was the suspect dragging you?

Passive: Were you being dragged by the suspect?

Active : Nobody was watching TV.

Passive: The TV wasn't being watched (by anybody).





Past
Perfect
Passive



Forming Past Perfect Passive

Something had been done by someone
before sometime in the past.

Affirmative Form	Object + had + been + verb3 (past participle)
Question Form	Had + object + been + verb3 (past participle) ?





Examples

Active : The brave men had defended the city.

Passive: The city had been defended by the brave men.

Active : The little girl had broken the window.

Passive: The window had been broken by the little girl.

Active : Had Dorothy solved the problems?

Passive: Had the problems been solved by Dorothy.

Active : Those prisoners had robbed five banks.

Passive: Five banks had been robbed by those prisoners.



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